

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 467 without my signature.

While I fully support the principle that all Californians should have equal access to justice, I cannot support this measure. This bill would further burden California's overworked courts, add to the number of frivolous and marginal cases, and potentially increase fraudulent fee-waiver applications. This bill's supporters claim that its revisions would improve the processing of fee-waiver applications and, more importantly, ensure that all Californians can access justice regardless of their economic status. While this bill's objective is noble, by increasing the strain on the state's court system, this bill's impact would ultimately compromise the court's ability to provide a fair and effective administration of justice for all Californians.

For these reasons, I am returning this bill without my signature.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger